



Saint Ignace Area Recreation Advisory Committee
 Meeting Agenda *August 19th, 2020*
 6:00 PM Little Bear East Community Center

1. **Call to Order** by ___Craig Therrian___ at __6:04__ PM.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call**- Voting Members *(Need 6 for a Quorum)*

	Present		Present
Ed Paquin, St. Ignace Citizen at Large	___	Craig Therrian, Moran TWP Rep. (Chair)	<u>X</u>
Emily Fullerton, St. Ignace Citizen at Large	<u>X</u>	Jimmy Dekeyser, Visitors Bureau Rep.	<u>X</u>
Robert St. Louis, City Council Member	___	Tammy Shepard, SIHA Rep.	<u>X</u>
Connie Litzner, City Council Member	___	Bridgett Sorenson, Sault Tribe Rep. (Vice Chair)	<u>X</u>
Martha Sjogren, St. Ignace Area Schools Rep.	<u>X</u>	Bill Fraser, Interim City Manager	___
Merlin Doran, Moran Township Rep.	<u>X</u>	Morgan Mills, Recreation Director (No Vote)	<u>X</u>

4. **Corrections, Deletions or Additions to the Agenda** *(Board & Staff Only)*

5. **Approval of the June Minutes**

a. Merlin motions for approval and Martha seconds the approval.

6. **New Business**

1. Little Bear Update

a. Current status with state orders (same as last meeting)

b. Recent events & upcoming events

i. Morgan talked about some more weddings that either canceled or rescheduled for later this year or next summer. We held a couple council meetings before they went back to using Zoom. Morgan talked about the painting classes at the Red, White, and Blue Park along with Art in the Park. The past two Art in the Park classes were jewelry and bracelets. Morgan and R.J. are trying to find a time where they can talk with the Health Department to see if we are able to move forward with having the Wrestling Camp. There was a Fall Bling Craft Show that went well. We also had a wedding outside this past weekend and they were very happy that we were able to still hold their wedding during this time. We are in the process of working with the

Coast Guard for a full facility rental in September. In October we have Trek the Mac, Jeep the Mac, and a couple more weddings.

c. Fall at Little Bear/Ice?

- i. Morgan talked about wanting to discuss putting the ice on and what that would look like/what the cost would be. She spoke with someone from Big Bear up in the Sault and they said the locker rooms aren't open and their players get dropped off. There is also a questionnaire that they have to fill out and everyone has to wear a mask on the ice. Bridgett said that players don't have to wear masks on the ice. Tammy talked about how in Gaylord and Cheboygan they have to wear masks in the facility but can use the locker rooms with limited numbers. Morgan talked about if we do have hockey tournaments that we will have to clean the facility between each game. Bridgett said that no one can use Big Bear unless they live in district 6 or 8. Tammy thought that this was a good idea. Morgan stated that it will cost money to put the ice on and we will have to staff it more. Martha asked what the cost would be. Morgan said that she could give a round number and explain the two formulas that are used when splitting up the utilities. Morgan said that the cost of water in February is \$242.30 and in July it's \$46.40. Electricity in February was \$3,676.69 and in July was \$367.93. Jim asked about what the whole cost is for the facility. Morgan added up the numbers for water, electric, and gas for the same months. Water in February was \$403.84 and July was \$232.02. Electricity in February was \$6, 151.78 and in July was \$1, 868.60. Gas in February was \$3,600.03 and in July was \$570.36. Emily said that the number \$10,000 kept sticking out to her. Morgan was wondering if teams would still be practicing even if they were to start playing games later. Tammy said that the Hockey Association paid \$9,000 in ice fees. Emily asked how many players have registered. The registration would be on the 27th of this month. Both Merlin and Jim said that we should plan like everything is going to happen. Morgan asked if the Visitors Bureau could give the same as last year. Bridgett said that it is allocated for but on the back burner. Bridgett also talked about if we have this Wrestling Camp it would throw a wrench in putting the ice down because the league is supposed to start in mid-October. Craig talked about meeting next month to look at this again. Andrea talked about seeing if the townships would be interested in contributing. Jim asked to see what the numbers would be from October through March and how much it would cost to keep it afloat. Morgan said she would put the numbers together.

2. Current Programs and Programs to Start Soon

- a. 3 kids sports days, Tennis Club, Pickleball, Painting classes with Missy Hess & Art in the Park
 - i. Megan talked about the summer sports program and that the kids and parents seemed to really enjoy it. We were able to play a lot of different sports and activities because our rotation of the sports was flexible. We plan on keeping this going on Tuesday nights at the same time while the weather is still nice.

Tennis club is going well and starting to get regular people that are participating. Pickleball has been pretty small when it comes to attendance but the kids that show up have fun.

- ii. Morgan talked about the Art in the Park program. They made jewelry and bracelets and she hopes that this can continue with different styles of art. We are also looking at having some more painting classes with Missy in September.

b. Chalk Walk

- i. Morgan talked about wanting to do a chalk walk downtown and have kids and adults participate throughout town.

c. Women's Hour

- i. Megan talked about starting a Women's Hour in the Gym on Monday and Wednesday night from 7:30pm – 9pm. She'd be there to answer any questions or help in anyway.
- ii. Bridgett talked about other Rec. activities and the floor hockey equipment. Megan said that they would look into using that during the sports nights for kids and putting floor hockey in the rotation.

7. Public Comment

- a. Craig asked about the tent that the wedding party used and Megan said it was from Biz-E-Bee out of Pickford.
- b. In the fitness center our numbers are consistent. People ask if they have to wear a mask and we respond with if it inhibits your workout then no. We are cleaning it 3 times a day with one thorough at the end of the day.
- c. Morgan wanted to talk about some questions that she got about if we were allowed to host meetings. As for our facility nothing has changed, we are still at 25% capacity. We have hung signs that say do not enter if you have been sick. Emily asked which office we have been in. Morgan said that we have been spending more of our office time in the fitness center. We hung signs saying we are in the fitness center to slow traffic in other parts of the building and we have moved a cordless phone into the gym.

8. Next Meeting Date – September 16th, 2020 @ 6:00 pm (Any excused absences for next meeting?)

9. **Motion to adjourn** by __Craig Therrian__, seconded by __Tammy Shepard__, at __6:58__ PM.

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